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Subject: Recognition of Manchukuo by the Grand Duke Cyril and the activities of Colonel C. Tominaga.

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With reference to the attached cutting from the Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury of February 21, 1935, on the subject of the recognition of Manchukuo by the Grand Duke Cyril, it is interesting to note that Colonel C. Tominaga, Military Intelligence Officer, attached to the Japanese Ministry of War, passed through Shanghai on board the s.s. "Haruna Maru," February 19, en route to Yokohama after an extensive tour of Europe.

He was apparently travelling incognito, for his rank was not given in the passenger list and he appears thereon simply as "C. Tominaga," Japanese.

It is reported that Tominaga's real object in making the journey to Europe was to get into touch with Russian emigre circles, chiefly those in France, and to ascertain whether White Russian assistance could be counted upon against Soviet Russia in the event of the present strained relationship existing between the two nations developing into actual armed conflict and any possible invasion by Japan of the Maritime Province.

In this connection it is said that the recent announcement made by the Grand Duke Cyril, pretender to the Russian Czarist throne, that he intends shortly to send another Grand Duke to become Russian Czarist Ambassador to the "Empire of Manchukuo" is directly connected with, and is the fruit of, Tominaga's activities in Europe.

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White Russians Like "Manchukuo"

Grand Duke Cyril Sees Better Conditions Under New State

(United Press)

SAINT BERICA, Brittany, France, Apr. 26. — Grand Duke Cyril acknowledged claimant to the Czarist throne of Russia, declared that the most serious danger to the Bolshevik regime lay within rather than from abroad, and that the Communist state would be undermined by the people themselves instead of enemies abroad.

He asserted in an exclusive interview with the United Press that the White Russians (Czarists) never intended to declare war on the Soviet Union, expecting "salvation of holy Russia from within."

"We shall never fight members of our own race," he said emphatically, "for blood is thicker than water. We who live in exile look for salvation of Holy Russia from within, and not from without—and we shall NOT be disappointed."

Keeps Fit By Walks

Cyril, tall, muscular, fit, made these declarations while pacing his room a simple study in his Grey-stone villa overlooking the sea from this Brittany retreat. The Grand Duke keeps fit by long walks daily and workouts on the golf links. He believes fitness an essential part of his equipment for the day when he mounts the throne of the Romanoffs—which he confidently expects will arrive.

The interview centered around his appointment of General Kisiltzyn, a faithful White Russian guardsman, who has lived for years in Anhucia, as his personal ambassador in "Manchukuo." He is to represent the interests of 180,000 white Russians living in that Japan controlled state, and make friends with the Japanese.

"I appointed General Kisiltzyn, who is friendly with the Japanese and "Manchukuo" authorities, so that they can consult him on all question concerning White Russian in "Manchukuo," Cyril said. "At the same time the White Russians will have an official representative to apply to when necessary."

"He will be the 'father' of my people there, and I know he will carry out the task capably."

Position Improved

"The position of the White Russians, although still difficult economically, has improved in "Manchukuo," due to the fact that Japan has re-established them."

"As for eventual outbreak of hostilities between the Soviets and Japan, which I do not for a moment contemplate, I can assure you the White Russians will not march against Russian troops, for we do not believe in fighting our own people. We have no quarrel with the simple Russian people, whether they be soldiers, peasants or workmen."

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The Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury, Thursday, February 21, 1935

Grand Duke Cyril Gives "Manchukuo" Recognition

(United Press)

PARIS, Feb. 21.—"Manchukuo" today took another stride, such as it was, toward its goal of becoming an individual nation of the world.

Grand Duke Cyril, pretender to the Russian Czarist throne, joined Japan and El Salvador in official recognition of "Manchukuo."

The Grand Duke announced that he would immediately send another Grand Duke to become Russian Czarist Ambassador to the "Manchukuo Empire."

The purpose of this recognition, the Grand Duke Cyril explained, was to promote good relations between White Russians and "Manchukuo" and Japanese authorities.